

Pilot Mound & District Chamber of Commerce September 2009 meeting.

The monthly lunch meeting was held on September 16th, 2009 at the Homesteader Restaurant and was well attended. The meeting was called to order and the minutes of the June meeting were adopted as read.

Lois Lynch reported the Fellowship Center is up and running after the summer break.

Roland Desrochers reported that the hotel was slow going during the summer months, but hoping for a Christmas opening. Also, the new sign has not been erected due to weeping tiles at the complex, but will be fixed soon.

Carolanne reported that the Pilot Mound website still continues to attract many visitors and the Sports link is now functioning. This will be linked to the PMMRC scheduling site for winter sports at the complex. A full website report is to be given at the October meeting.

Eileen Collins gave a report from the PMMRC and a tentative opening date of December 27th, 2009 is being discussed. Many fund-raising functions are on-going at this time.

Report on the up-coming Fall Smorg and the preparations given by Carolanne.

The Chamber is assisting with the Dakota Unity Horse Ride 2009 on Sunday, October 18th. A reception will be held in the afternoon at the Kinsman Hall. The trail ride begins 3 days earlier at Dominion City and arrives in Pilot Mound on Sunday. They will be hosting a memorial ceremony for the 597 Sioux hunters and families killed and buried at the Old Mound during the 1850's. Presenters will provide history and teachings for the memorial honouring ceremonies. The history of this event at the Old Mound is on the Pilot Mound Chamber website www.pilotmound.com Everyone is welcome to attend.

A group of around 40 from the Dakota - Ojibwa - Cree Nations held an honouring ceremony for their ancestors on the Old Mound in September and a feast followed at the Complex. Ez Collins was the Chamber representative at this ceremony. The event was filmed by several First Nations organizations.

The Chamber approved payment of half of a full-page ad, promoting this area in a Western Canadian publication, with the Crystal City Chamber of Commerce - arranged by the LCDC.

A discussion was held on the Grey Hound bus service being cancelled and alternative travel arrangements available through Community Services.

Meeting adjourned.

Report submitted by Carolanne Bayne.